

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA-2286**

**Cedar Grove United Methodist Church**

**2015 Mount Carmel Road**

**Mount Carmel, Baltimore County**

**1898**

**Private**

The Gothic Revival-style Cedar Grove United Methodist Church was constructed in 1898 near the town of Mount Carmel. Date stones on the building indicate construction dates of 1898, 1966, and 1993. Historic maps indicate that this is not the first church on the property. The Cedar Grove United Brethren Church appears on the 1877 Hopkins Atlas. According to the 1915 map of Baltimore County, the church was located in the town of Cedar Grove. However, this name is no longer applied to the crossroads community at Mount Carmel and Cedar Grove Roads. Furthermore, current records indicate that the church is located in the Seventh District, however historic maps place it in the Fifth District. The nearby town of Mount Carmel had a Methodist church, schoolhouse, a store, and a hall in 1915. The area remains largely rural today.

The Gothic Revival-style church fronts southwest on a triangular lot between Mount Carmel Road and Cedar Grove Road. The building has a concrete block foundation supporting a wood frame, vinyl sided structure. Projecting from the front gable, metal standing seam roof is a square, bell tower with a wood shingled pyramidal roof. It features flared eaves and a square-edged metal balustrade. Evidenced in exterior architectural materials, the multi-gabled façade is an alteration of the original façade. However, it still retains some historic elements including a multi-light stained glass window, a Tudor arch transom over the two-leaf door, and scroll-sawn corner brackets over the entry. The main block of the church is pierced by four, pointed-arch stained glass windows on the side elevations. All of the windows have vinyl surrounds and sills. A sandstone date stone reads, "Cedar Grove United Brethren in Christ 1898." There is a circa 1990 wood frame addition to the rear of the building with a cinder block foundation and vinyl siding. A rebuilt, interior end, brick chimney rises from the roof of this addition. There is a cemetery located to the northwest of the church.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2286

### 1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Cedar Grove United Bretheren in Christ  
other Cedar Grove United Methodist Church (preferred)

### 2. Location

street and number 2015 Mount Carmel Road not for publication  
city, town Parkton vicinity  
county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Cedar Grove United Methodist Church  
street and number 2015 Mount Carmel Road telephone Not Available  
city, town Parkton state MD zip code 21120

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 70 folio 350  
city, town Towson tax map 21 tax parcel 69 tax ID number 2200013294

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

\_\_\_\_ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
\_\_\_\_ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
\_\_\_\_ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
\_\_\_\_ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
\_\_\_\_ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
\_\_\_\_ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
____ district	____ public	____ agriculture	Contributing
X building(s)	X private	____ landscape	Noncontributing
____ structure	____ both	____ commerce/trade	____ 1 buildings
____ site		____ defense	____ 1 sites
____ object		____ domestic	____ structures
		____ education	____ objects
		X funerary	____ 2 Total
		____ government	
		____ health care	
		____ industry	
		____ recreation/culture	
		X religion	
		____ social	
		____ transportation	
		____ work in progress	
		____ unknown	
		____ vacant/not in use	
		____ other:	

Number of Contributing Resources  
previously listed in the Inventory

1

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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There is a cemetery located to the northwest of the church. It consists of about twelve rows of approximately 100 upright markers. These granite and marble headstones face north. With the cemetery still in use today, the markers range from 1881 to 2001.

Located in the west corner of the cemetery is a circa 2000, wood frame shed. The one-story structure has a wood post foundation, vinyl siding, and an asphalt shingled front gable roof. The entry features a vinyl-sided, two-leaf, wood door.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

**Specific dates** 1898, 1966, 1993

**Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1898, 1966, 1993

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property One Acre

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Hereford

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 1898, the Cedar Grove United Methodist Church has been associated with the acre of land known as tax parcel 69 on map 21 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office. It has been associated with this site since its construction in 1898.

## 11. Form Prepared by

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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USGS Quad: **HEREFORD**  
Scale: 1:24,000



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16653 YEDHO ROAD

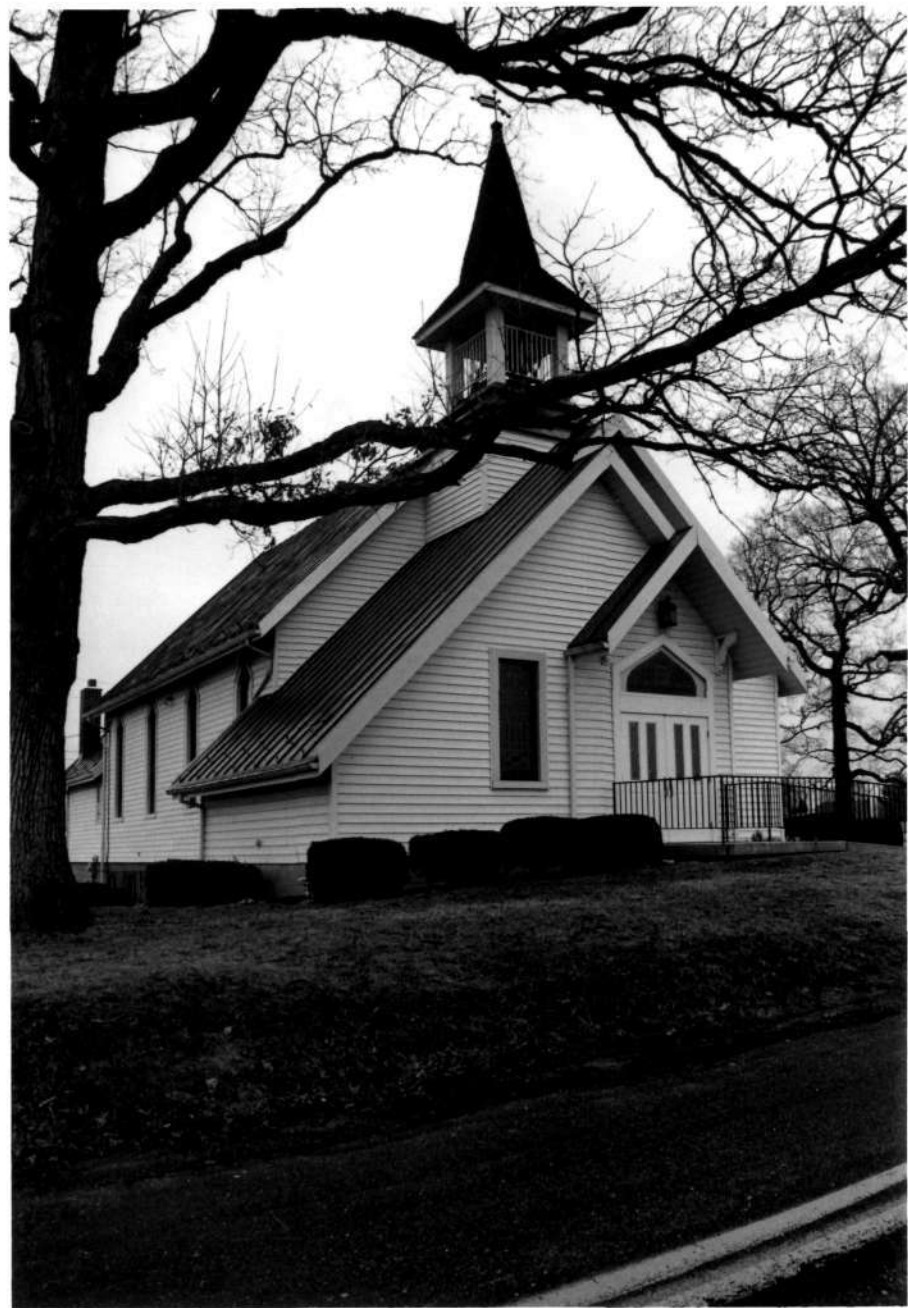
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2015 MOUNT CARMEL ROAD  
PARKTON, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0581  
16214 YEDHO ROAD

BA-0577  
16206 YEDHO ROAD

WHITEHOUSE 3 MI.





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2015 MOUNT CARMEL ROAD

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EAST CORNER

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**CEDAR GROVE U.M. CHURCH** - 1898 - 2015 Mount Carmel Road. Carpenter Gothic church in frame and clapboard. This is the outgrowth of a United Brethern Church founded at the Red Inn abut 1870. The present congregation moved here from Hereford village in 1898. Plain nave with entrance tower and belfry in front. Lancet window; standing-seam metal roof. Cornerstone reported in Md. Journal, July 16, 1898.